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AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MILL PRISON AT
PLYMOUTH, IN 1782.

CAPTAIN JOHN GREEN'S LETTER.

[*Manuscript from the Laurens Collection.*]

Addressed: Henry Laurens Esq^r.
Fleyder Street N^o. 23
Westminster.

Mill Prison Plymouth Feb^r. 19th 1782.

Sir,

I had the honour of addressing you when you ware in the Tower of London early in the month of Nov^r. last, as many of my fellow prisoners heard you were in a poor state of health, and not treated with that humanity you merited, and the justness of your cause deserved; I am afear'd that letter never came to your hand, as we never heard anything respecting it; I do assure you we are rejoiced to hear of your enlargement, and hope you will, ere long, be restored to good health. We are now in this 590 prisoners, many of them natives of South Carolina, Farmers and Traders, some of which was taken at Charlestown & admitted to paroles, and soon after were put on board a Man of War and sent to this Country; many others sent from New York by order of Admiral Rodney, and several others taken at S^t. Eaustatia, they were put on board a Man of War & sent here, they have really suffer'd much on board the british Vessels in Coming to this place; but thank god they keep their spirits, we dont hear any news from our Country and are uneasy at our long captivity, many have been here, from, two, to five years; a Flying Report prevailed a few days past that doctor Franklin had made proposals to the Court of Great Britain to Exchange part of Lord Cornwallis's Troops for American prisoners now in Briton; I hope some thing will turn up which will be the means of Libera-

ting us; we are much Crowded in this place, tho' health, but much dread the Summer's heat; Several letters have been wrote to his Excellency Doct^r. Franklin, but are not so fortunate as to hear from him; you will oblige us much if you can give any encouragement of our being released—I have not the honour of being personally known to you perhaps you might recollect me; I Commanded the Continental Ship of War 'Queen of France' when she went from France to boston in 1777. Soon after obtained a lave of absence to make a Voyage in the service of the Merch^{ts}.—Robert Morris Esq^r. furnished me with a new Ship bound for France, wherein I was taken; I had commanded for the house of Mess^{rs}. Willing and Morris, ever since ye year 1764. Excepting the time I had the honour to serve the United States of America—M^r. Ball shewed my your letter & gave me your Directions, M^r. Miles Saurey is really a good man, but he is at all times of his coming to spake or give us our donations, bearing letters, or do us anny service, treated with much disrespect; Should be glad something was done by you to let this gentlemen see us in presence of the Egent or Keeper, when his business leads him here, without being subject to Ill treatment; pray sir Excuse this long letter and for Intruding on your time and you will oblige Sir,

Your most respectfull Humble Serv^t.
Jn Green

Endorsed: Capt. John Green
19 Feby 1782
Rec^d. & answered 26th
referred him to my Letter
of 23^d. to M^r. Ball, shall
know to morrow, if permitted
to visit the Prison, can
Illy afford the expense of
the Journey but that shall
be no Bar &c.

List of the American Prisoners in Mill Prison at Plymouth
&c. &c. continued, Viz.¹

Of Rhode Island.

Name.	Rank or Station.
John Peck Rathburn	Captain
Josiah Haynes	Ditto
Ezekiel Durphy	Lieutenant
Thomas Bowen	Ditto
Luther Salisbury	Master
Christ ^r Phillips	Mariner
John Pearce	Ditto
John Hull	Ditto
William Crandall	D ^o .
William Springer	D ^o .
Walter Parker	D ^o .
Bristow Chatmus	D ^o .
Deane Oswell	D ^o .
Joseph Waddell	D ^o .
Riscombe Sandford	D ^o .
Jonathan Sheldon	D ^o .
John Chattern	D ^o .
Caleb Gilbert	D ^o .
Joseph Wilkinson	D ^o .
Timothy Child	D ^o .
Gideon Tanner	D ^o .

Of Connecticut.

Robert M ^r Kowan	Master
Francis Butler	Ditto
Samuel Hubble	Mate
Joseph Bartram	Ditto
David Brookes	Mariner
James Billings	Ditto
Hardy Engsine	D ^o .
Tho ^s . Graversbock	D ^o .
Benjamin Ashby	D ^o .
David Veal	D ^o .

¹This list is apparently not complete; the first part of the MS. does not seem to be among the Laurens papers in this Collection.

Joseph Buell	Mariner
Joseph Clark	Ditto
Zach ⁿ . Bassett	D ^o .
George Lommas	D ^o .
Elnathan Minor	D ^o .
Thomas Edgar	D ^o .
John Haley	D ^o .
Calvin Haynes	D ^o .
Of New York.	
Theoph ^s . Ellsworth	Master
Archibald M'Neal	Mate
Joseph Jeffery	Mariner
John Sinclair	Ditto
James Coxeter	D ^o .
Nathaniel Miller	D ^o .
Nathan Howell	D ^o .
Nathan Miller	D ^o .
Benjamin Stakins	D ^o .
Of New Jersey.	
Thomas Hayes	Mariner
James Hunt	Ditto
Setvus Church	D ^o .
Jeremiah Church	D ^o .
John Sack	D ^o .
John Huston	D ^o .
John Maxfield	D ^o .
Henry Weaver	D ^o .
Of Pennsylvania.	
John Green	Captain
John Kemp	Ditto
Griffith Jones	Lieutenant
Alexander Tindall	Ditto
Nathan Simmons	D ^o .
Shubart Armitage	Lieut. Mariner
William Whitpain	Lieutenant
Thomas Justice	Ditto
Joseph Ashburn	Master
George Mitchell	Mate
Robert Burridge	Ditto

Thomas Pemberton	Mate
William Downes	D°.
James Burney	Carpenter
..... Knox	D°.
John Claypool	D°.
Samuel Gilbert	Mariner
John Stuart	D°.
John Thomas	D°.
Alex ^r . Crawford	D°.
John Shairy	D°.
Nicholas Depoe	D°.
John Stephenson	D°.
Charles Laine	D°.
John Shaw	D°.
Hugh Forsyth	D°.
John Morton	D°.
Jacob Smith	D°.
Henry Wager	D°.
William Wild	D°.
George Dryerson	D°.
Dennis Delaney	D°.
James Bartlett	D°.
Jacob Statt	Mariner
Robert Wilson	D°.
Thomas Hooker	D°.
John Martin	D°.
John Allen	D°.
Joseph Alexander	D°.
John Spade	D°.
John Harman	D°.
Jacob Tryon	D°.
Edward Gibbons	D°.
John Cunningham	D°.
Nathaniel Smith	D°.
William M'Muller	D°.
Langhorne Jenny	D°.
William Duncan	D°.
John Jones	D°.
William Dunstan	D°.

Patrick Gallagher	Mariner
James Robertson	D°.
William Derrick	D°.
William Lawrence	D°.
William Lawrence J ^r	D°.
Nichols Calleday	D°.
Joseph Puney	D°.
George Moore	D°.
John Murray	D°.
William Kemp	D°.
John Langworthy	D°.
Nath ^w Brooks	D°.
Gilbert Stephenson	D°.
John Thompson	Midshipman
Fred ^t Molineux	Passenger
Sam ^l . Alexander	Lieutenant
Samuel Owens	Midshipman
Benjamin Broom	Mariner
Thomas Brookes	Ditto
Edward Porter	D°.
Ichabod Beaby	D°.
Of Maryland	
William Coward	Lieutenant
John Smith	D°.
Samuel Chawkley	Mate
William Harris	Mariner
William Vickers	D°.
Colin M'Mullen	D°.
Gassaway Pindle	D°.
Josiah Wheeler	D°.
James Pratt	D°.
Aaron Parrish	D°.
Virtus Sweat	D°.
Nevil ^c Walker	D°.
Nathan Vennom	D°.
Samuel Bluver	D°.
Stephen Watkins	D°.
William Mull	D°.
John Shrine	D°.

Philip Mitchell	Mariner
Nich ^s . McEnhener	D ^o .
Elisha Powell	D ^o .
James Glenn	D ^o .
Solomon Evans	Mariner
Thomas Shepherd	Ditto
Littleton Chilton	D ^o .
James Bompson	D ^o .
Charles Pickering	D ^o .
William Mason	D ^o .
Alex. Massey	D ^o .
William Miles	D ^o .
John Jenkinson	D ^o .
Isaac Townsend	D ^o .
Of Virginia.	
Thomas Tangle	Master
Francis Beck	Mate
Peter Aspenell	Gunner
Leaven White	Mariner
Sam ^l . Livingston	Ditto
George Poole	D ^o .
George Webland	D ^o .
John Jones	D ^o .
Anthony Tennable	D ^o .
John Cooper	D ^o .
John Keeton	D ^o .
Augustine Almon	D ^o .
Anth ^y . Bellamy	D ^o .
Richard Davis	D ^o .
Robert Jarvis	D ^o .
Thomas Bartlett	D ^o .
Francis Tuptman	D ^o .
Uriah Sutter	D ^o .
Joseph North	D ^o .
John Bourdeaux	D ^o .
John Baptist	D ^o .
Malachi Williamson	D ^o .
Rob ^t . Ellsey	D ^o .
John Connor	D ^a .

Abijah Buxton	Mariner
George Aspin	D°.
William Priss	Boy
Nich ^s Barkinson	Mariner
John Mackingham	D°.
Of North Carolina.	
Simon Alderson	Captain
William Throop	Mate
Simon Alderson	Mariner
Daniel Austen	Ditto
William Fuse	D°.
Shad ^h . Drew	D°.
Isaac Pharoah	D°.
Rob ^t Booth	D°.
Rich ^d . Kennedy	D°.
Miles Bembridge	D°.
Simon Howard	D°.
Will ^m . Kennedy	Boy
Henry Guy	Mariner
Ephraim Jones	D°.
George Stysen	D°.
John Morrison	D°.
Edward King	D°.
And ^r . Fullerton	D°.
William Turner	D°.
John Davis	D°.
Malachi Novice	D°.
Sheldon Jasper	D°.
David Vail	D°.
Thomas White	D°.
Of South Carolina.	
John Ashton	Lieutenant
Jacob Stobo	Ditto
William Pitts	Midshipman
Daniel Russell	Ditto
Thomas Ball	D°.
Paul Ripley	Gunner
Joseph Singletarry	Mariner
John Singletarry	Ditto

Daniel Duff	Lieut: Militia
William Steel	Private D°.
Andrew Wells	Ditto
James Vestals	D°.
Will ^m . M'Ihaney	D°.
James Markham	D°.
Hardy Wilkes	D°.
James Kennerly	D°.
Of Georgia.	
John Brown	Lieutenant

Endorsed by Henry Laurens:
List of American Prisoners
in Mill Prison
Recd 8th March 1782.